

Letters to Santa



The following poem was submitted to the NEWS recently. It was written by Morris Morgan in December, 1978 and is a fitting beginning to our "Letters to Santa" this year.

"Some People Say"

Some people say there is no Santa Claus
Just why I do not know.
But just because they say this
Does not mean it is really so.

When the children get up on Christmas day
They have only one thought in mind.
To get down stairs as quick as they can
To see what they can find.
And when they see a lot of toys,
Their eyes light up with glee,
They believe in him,
Santa brought not only toys
He also brought a tree!

You people who don't believe in Santa Claus
There must be something wrong with you.
It does not get you anything
To cause a lot of grief
Unless you get some pleasure
In spoiling a child's belief.
This day is surely Santa's
Let's all be kind to our children
I think it would please him.

Dear Santa,
I would like Barbie Doll
and clothes. Poohie set,
clothes, and paint book, and
pajamas.

Love,
Kerri Short
There will be lots of time
for me to get things I like.
Have a safe trip all over the
world.

Dear Santa,

I would like Atari, tape
player and tapes, paints,
and clothes.

Love,
Heather Short

Dear Santa,

My name is Sean Michael
Bannon and I am four years
old. I have a baby brother
Matthew who is seven
months old. I think I have
been a good boy helping
Mommy take care of
Matthew. So now I'm going
to give you a list of things I
would like you to bring my
whole family. First, some
clothes for my Mommy and
Daddy and Grandpa too!
For my two brothers,
Matthew and Jim some clothes
too! And my sisters Mary
Ann and Michele. Now for
my brother Matthew and
myself, some toys that we
can both play with.
I would also like a tricycle
if you have enough room on

Dear Santa,

I'll My name is Jeffrey
Witts, I have been trying to
be a good boy at home and
in school. For Christmas
I would like Cattle Grayskul
and Masters of the
Universe Figures.

Love,
Jeffrey Witts
17 Hammond Avenue

Dear Santa,

I'm in first grade at St.
Joseph's in Endicott, N.Y.
and would like you to be
good to my classmates and
sister Joanne Marie.
I have two brothers,
Kevin who's 11 and Freddy
16 and a sister Laura 17.
We've all been very good to
please bring us presents
instead of coal. Laura and
Freddy would like a car.
I love you and Mrs. Santa
and will say a prayer for
you every night.
Please give Baby Jesus a
very special present
because Christmas is his
birthday.

Love,
Jennifer Witts
17 Hammond Ave.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jennifer
Witts, for Christmas I would
like Baby Skates, Theodore
the Chapmunk and maybe
Cabbage Patch Doll.
P.S. Please don't forget
my cousins Jill and Mat-
thew.

Love,
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the Hut, Y-Wing Fighter.
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Love,
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Love,
Jason Andrews
Allentown

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa,
Here's my Christmas list.
I hope you can get them for
me.
I want one Cabbage Patch
Kid, Cabbage patch sheets
for my new bed, Fisher-
Price weaving loom, Makit
and Bakit and some Cane
Bear toys. I almost forgot
the Charmkin's Jewelry
House!

Love,
Loren Lepre
age?

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would
like a bulldozer, a dump-
truck. Any other surprise
you might think of will be
fine. Also, please don't
forget to leave a little treat
for my dog, Brandy.

Love,
David Moran,
age 2 1/2
Carbondale.

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Cy Grosvenor remembers his days at Benjamin Franklin High School

The series of NEWS stories about the former Benjamin Franklin High School has stirred memories of the period during which it was built, and of the five years I attended classes in the building.

No, it didn't take me five years to complete the four-year high school course. I attended eighth grade classes in the "new high school." These were held in the three classrooms south of the Wyoming Ave. entrance for several years after the school was opened. The Misses Anna Barry, Julia Kilbullen and Mae Penigally were the teachers.

When preparations were being made for the construction of the school, shovels demolished the stone walls on Lincoln Ave. and Terrace St., then dug a deep L-shaped excavation around the old red brick high school. At the northwest corner was an especially deep hole where the gymnasium was later to be.

In early spring day, with the temperature hovering near the freezing mark, I stopped to watch several boys poling a raft about the water-filled hole at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Terrace St. They had nailed together several planks they had found laying about and were having a great time playing "Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer."

There were four boys on the raft; one on each side. As the raft neared the Terrace St. side three of the boys leaped ashore. When the fourth boy, relieved of the weight of these three, it tipped and the fourth boy went plunging into the cold, muddy water. He was a sorry sight when his friends pulled him from the drink. It is more than likely that he heard something of the NEWS, and I have called me to mind "Oh dear, what a hap- pened!" when he arrived at his home.

The new high school was almost completed when Carbondale was awakened one morning to witness one of the most spectacular "torches" in the city's history. The old high school was burning. Setting as it did, atop the rise on Terrace St., it was clearly visible to a good share of the city. Flames shot upward a hundred feet or more as the wooden interior of the building burned. Typewriters from the commercial department came hurtling down, struck the stone entrance steps on Terrace St. and landed into the street. By noon, only smoking ruins remained.

The new high school wasn't ready for occupancy so classes were held for several months in various locations: Trinity Parish House, the YMCA, and others. It wasn't easy, all records having been destroyed, but school went on.

As do many others, I have fond memories of my years as a student at Carbondale High. It was during these years that the school had the best orchestra in its history. Each morning we marched into the auditorium to the strains of a Sousa march. King Cotton was the one most often played. It seemed to be Prof. Bly's favorite.

Another march often played was the "Washington Post." When this and the display any knowledge of the rules of the game, it is Miss Loomis who deserves the credit.

It was Miss Loomis who first encouraged me to write, after I had written a composition describing the scene from a high hill, with an unobstructed view in all directions. If dear Miss Loomis had had a crystal globe and looked into it and seen what would some day reflect upon readers of the NEWS, she'd have called me to her desk and told me, "Forget what I said."

One to my teachers in my freshman year was Mary B. McAndrew. It was she who, as City School Superintendent, renamed Carbondale High School "Benjamin Franklin High School."

The name of the school may have been changed, but still, on the latch plates of the outside doors is embossed "B.F.H.S." Carbondale Area High School. Just as firmly im-

pressed, in the minds of thousands of former students, are the memories of happy days spent at "Carbondale High."

Not only was the orchestra "top notch" but the teaching staff was of the highest caliber. A more dedicated group of instructors would be im-

possible to assemble: Harry Coleman, James Crane, Walter Quinn, Leland Brunner, Angela Bly, Hazel Gallager, Sarah Swigert, Anna Scott, Harry Bender, Marion Vonbeck, Dorothy Bailey, Louis Coggan, Mary B. McAndrew, Patrick Murray, Dwight Rude, Minnie Wallis, Edna Loomis and Charles Lesher.

No honors ever came my way as tribute to my scholastic abilities. To label my efforts "average" would be stretching things a bit. In only one subject did I earn 100: bookkeeping. If my instructor, Prof. Charles Lesher, could have foreseen the career for which I was being prepared - the course of taxpayers in the Empire State as a tax examiner with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance - he'd have flunked me.

A teacher who was a genius at "getting the message across" was Miss Edna Loomis. If my writing displayed any knowledge of the rules of grammar, it is Miss Loomis who deserves the credit.

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When I hear the "Triumphal March" played, I am reminded of the old Carbondale High School. The name of the school was later changed from Carbondale High School to Benjamin Franklin High School. (Photo courtesy of Cy Grosvenor)

ONE OF THE BEST REMEMBERED EVENTS of those who attended the old Carbondale High School was the day the school burned in 1916. A new building was already under construction prior to the fire. It was an "L" shaped building which partly surrounded the former structure. Students moved into the new building (partially visible in lower left corner) in 1917. The name of the school was later changed from Carbondale High School to Benjamin Franklin High School. (Photo courtesy of Cy Grosvenor)



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